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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-33 have been cancelled.

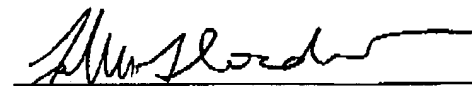
Claims 8-9 and 34-35 are pending.

Claims 8-9 have been amended.

New claims 34-35 have been added.

In the Office action mailed on December 15, 2004, the Examiner indicated the allowability of claim 8 if rewritten in independent format. In response, the Applicant has amended and presented claim 8 in independent format. Claims 9 and 34-35 depend from claim 8. As a result, based upon the Examiner's indication of allowability, it is believed that this application is in a condition for immediate allowance. Such action is earnestly sought. It is believed this submission after final is appropriate since it responds to the Examiner's indication of allowability.

Respectfully Submitted,



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